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1907

Mount Peer M. E. Church
Marion vicinity
public worship

The Mount Peer M. E. Church stands southwest of Marion near Tulls Corner. Supported by a vented brick foundation, the ell-shaped frame church is mainly lighted by colored glass lancet windows on three elevations. The west (principal) facade is also distinguished by a cloverleaf-shaped light in the upper gable. Fixed in the northwest corner of the brick foundation is a marble datestone with the inscription, "Mount Peer M. E. Church 1889-1907." Standing southeast of the church is a two-story asbestos shingled frame church hall.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. S-124

Magi No. 2001244708

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Mount Peer M. E. Church

and/or common

2. Location

street & number East side of MD 357, 1 mile S of Marion ☐ not for publicationcity, town Marion ☒ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of Mount Peer M. E. Church

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Marion state and zip code Maryland 21838

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state MD 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent

☐ good

☒ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Mount Peer M. E. Church is located on the east side of MD 357, approximately one mile south of Marion, Somerset County, Maryland. The L-plan frame church, dated to 1907, faces west and is accompanying by a two-story two-bay frame church hall of contemporary age.

Supported by a vented common bond brick foundation, the single-story ell plan structure is uniformly sheathed with aluminum siding and covered by a steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof.

The west (principal) facade is marked by four colored-glass lancet windows that light the sanctuary and a clover-leaf shaped window that pierces the upper gable. The eaves to the roof are extended, and the rafter feet are exposed. Positioned in the northwest corner is a marble date plack with an inscription, "Mount Peer M.E. Church 1889-1907." The entrance to the church is located in the leg of the "L" which extends northward from the main church. The paneled double door is topped by a two-light transom.

The south side of the church is divided evenly into four bays that are marked by colored-glass lancet windows with pointed arches. A concrete block stove stack rises from the roof.

The east elevation has two lancet windows that pierce the first floor and a clover-leaf shaped window that pierces the upper gable. A back door is located in the northeast corner.

The north side of the church is largely covered by the entrance vestibule. A shed roofed frame addition has been attached to the northeast corner.

The interior of this church was not seen.

Standing to the southeast of the church is a two-story two-bay by one-room asbestos-shingled frame church hall that rests on a minimal brick foundation and is covered by a medium-sloped asphalt shingle roof. The west (main) elevation is a balanced facade with a four-panel door in the north bay and an adjacent 6/6 sash window. The second floor is lighted by two 6/6 sash. The remaining elevations are marked by a similar arrangement of doors and windows, and narrow brick stove stacks rise from the northeast and southwest sides of the structure.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1907

Builder/Architect

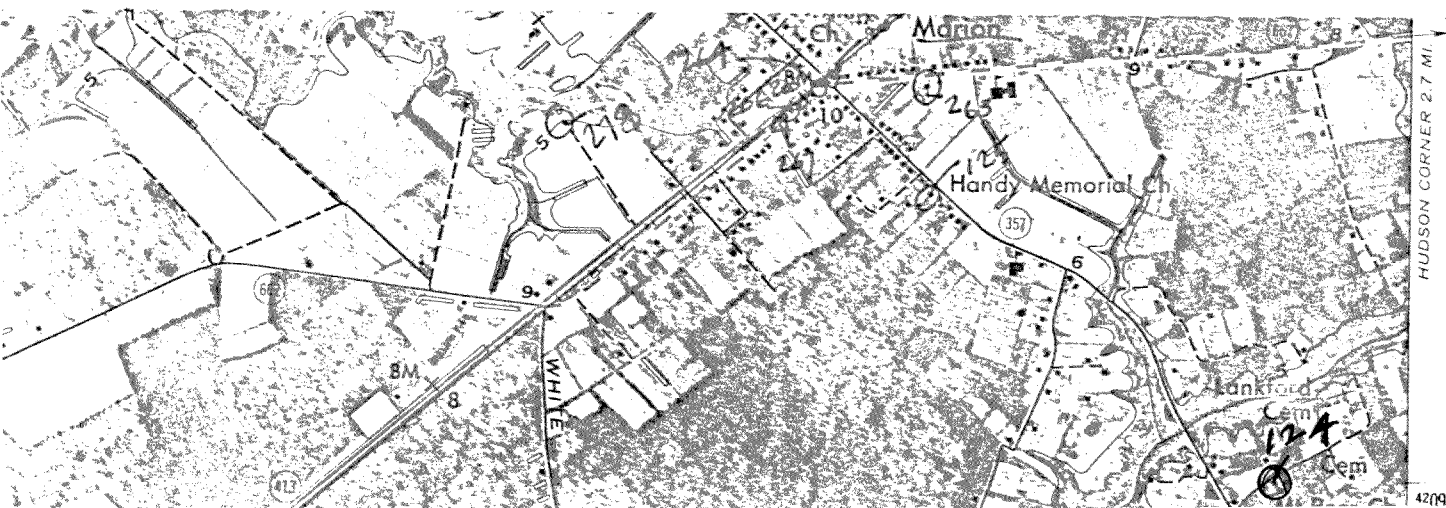
check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

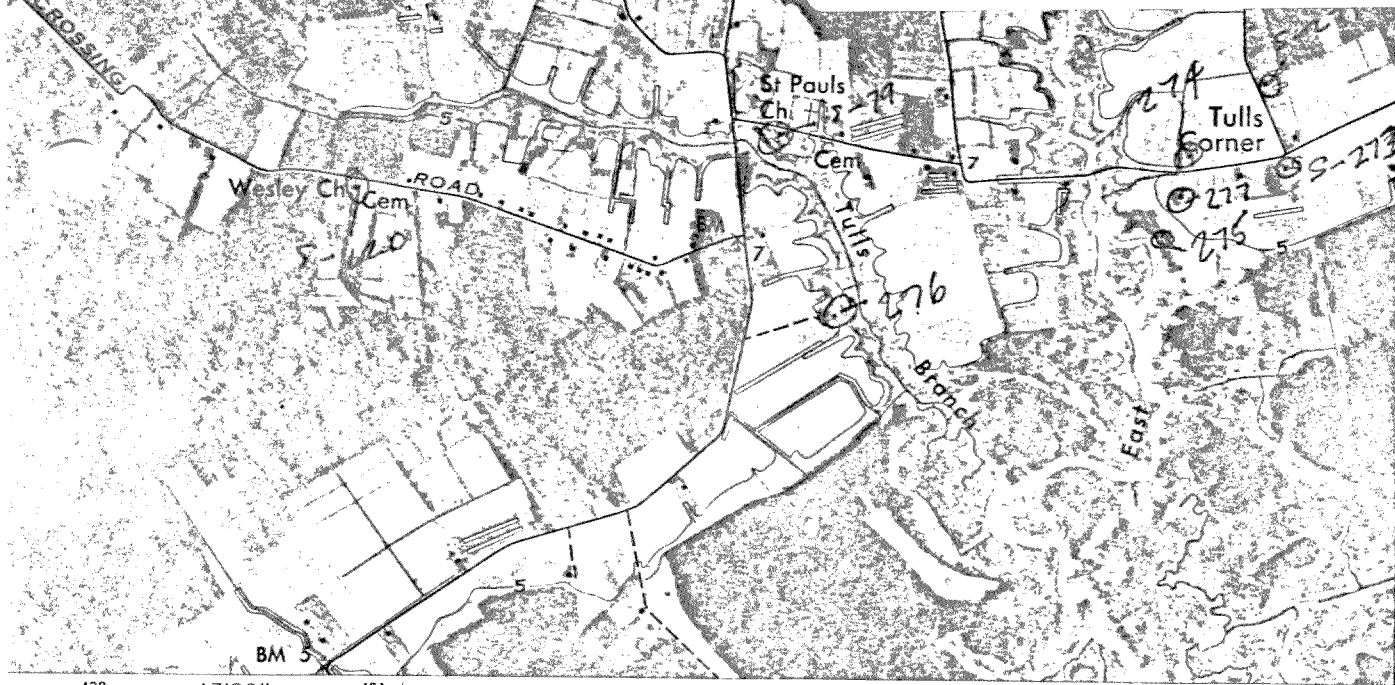
Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Mount Peer M. E. Church is one of approximately a dozen rural black churches in Somerset County. In general form, detail and date it is very similar to most black churches in Somerset County. The restricted but clear reference to the Gothic Revival style is a common feature to most of the other churches in this group. The church has been altered with the application of aluminum siding. The building is located in the middle of a small, and characteristically dispersed, rural black community.



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Mt. Peer M. E. Church
Marion, MD Quadrangle, 1972



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, hard surface	Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Secondary highway, hard surface	Unimproved road
Trails	
Interstate Route	U. S. Route
State Route	



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